**Deep Sea Exploration**

704. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to news-item captioned "ONGC plans to undertake deep sea exploration" appearing in the "Times of India" dated July 4, 1997.

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the places where he deep sea exploration is proposed to be done during 1997-98, State-wise;

(d) the estimated production of petroleum products as a result thereof during 1997-98 and the remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the estimated cost of exploration per barrel?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. ONGC has prioritised three deep water locations for drilling in 1997-98, one each in the Kerala-Konkan, Krishna-Godavari and Cauvery basin.

(d) The production of crude oil from deep sea locations will depend on the results of exploration activities planned during 1997-98.

(e) It is not feasible to estimate the cost of exploration per barrel at this juncture.

**Ports in Loss**

705. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the ports which are running in loss;

(b) if so, since when and the details of the ports running in loss; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the performance of those ports?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) All the Major Port Trusts have shown operating surplus during the last three years. The figures of operating surplus for the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c) In view of the reply to part (a), do not arise.

***Statement***

*Operating Surplus of Major Port Trusts during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96*

(Rs. in crores)

| Name of Ports | 1993-94 Operating Surplus | 1994-95 Operating Surplus | 1995-96 Operating Surplus |
|---|---|---|---|
| KPT | 50.07 | 63.06 | 71.84 |
| MBPT | 176.75 | 174.53 | 268.29 |
| JNPT | 24.59 | 66.08 | 118.03 |
| MoPT | 27.91 | 22.88 | 16.35 |
| NMPT | 10.32 | 15.24 | 14.38 |
| CoPT | 9.79 | 19.80 | 25.45 |
| TPT | 11.46 | 11.29 | 25.87 |
| MPT | 109.40 | 97.60 | 103.23 |
| VPT | 70.50 | 78.71 | 97.19 |
| PPT | 48.26 | 55.59 | 65.32 |
| CPT | 129.77 | 155.36 | 189.91 |

*[Translation]*

**Setting up of Oil Refinery**

706. SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up oil refinery in the rural and tribal areas of Gujarat is pending with the Government for approval and implementation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which this proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the installed capacity of the proposed oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (d) An

application has been received recently from a private party for setting up a 100% EOU Refinery of the capacity of 16.6 Million Tonnes Per Annum, in the District of Kutch. The proposal is under examination by the Government.

*[English]*

**Defence Personnels Involved in Spying**

707. SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names and designations of Defence personnels found involved in spying during the period January 1, 1995 and June 30, 1997;

(b) the action taken or proposed to be taken against such personnels; and

(c) the further steps Government propose to take to check such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

(c) Comprehensive instructions exist on prophylactic security measures. These are reviewed from time to time and circulated in order to ensure that Defence personnel do not indulge in such nefarious activities. Any personnel violating these instructions is dealt with in accordance with the provisions of laid down Rules.

***Statement***

| Sl. No. | Names and Designations of Defence personnel found involved in spying during 1.1.95 to 30.6.97. | Action taken/proposed to be taken |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | No. 6382911N Nk (Clk) Joginder Singh Kadyan. | The NCO has been taken into military custody and disciplinary action against him is in progress. |
| 2. | No. 3380221 Sep Avtar Singh. | Disciplinary action against him is in progress. |
| 3. | No. 804597K NC(E) William B Cook. | The individual is under Civil custody and case against him is in progress. |

**Establishment of Schools**

708. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish new Kendriya Vidyalayas in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has sanctioned the opening of one Kendriya Vidyalaya at Kalpetta, Waynad Distt. in Kerala. During the current academic year which has started functioning from first week of July, 1997.

**Construction of Hostels**

709. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North Eastern Council has disbursed a total amount of Rs. 81 lakhs for the construction of two hostels in Delhi University (DU) campus;

(b) if so, the year-wise amount disbursed to DU and the amount utilised;

(c) the progress of construction of the hostels and their locations;

(d) the target date for completion of the hostels; and

(e) the percentage of reservation for the students from the North East region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Detailed information has been sought from the University of Delhi. The Government has, however, drawn attention of the Vice-Chancellor to the lack of progress in the matter and brought home the need for expeditiously completing the project. The Vice-Chancellor of the University has indicated that urgent attention is now being given to initiate the work on the Project.

*[Translation]*

**Admission in Indira Gandhi Physical Education College**

710. SHRI MANIBHAI RAMJIBHAI CHAUDHARI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: